

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1 and 7 to 14 as shown below.

1. (Currently Amended) A status information sharing system for managing status information of users who operate user terminal devices, comprising:

a recognition unit that recognizes a presence or absence of ~~the users~~ a user at one of the user terminal devices;

a search unit that searches schedule information of registered users;

a generation unit that generates change information of status information of the user's action, in accordance with both the recognition of ~~[[a]]~~ the presence or absence of the ~~users~~ user and the searched schedule information; and

an update unit that ~~automatically~~ updates status information of the ~~users~~ user's action on the basis of the generated change information.

2. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1, wherein said search unit searches the schedule information of the users for the last and present schedule information.

3. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1, wherein said search unit searches the schedule information of the users for next schedules.

4. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1, wherein said search unit searches the schedule information of the users for past schedules.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1, further comprising:

a count unit that counts the duration of a predetermined status if the presence or absence of the user is said predetermined status, wherein said generation unit generates the change information of the status information on the basis of the duration counted by said count unit.

7. (Currently Amended) A user terminal device that is capable of communicating with a server device managing schedules of registered users who operate user terminal devices, comprising:

a connection unit that connects to at least a manipulation input device or an imaging device;

an input unit that inputs information from the connected manipulation ~~unit~~ input device or imaging device;

a generation unit that generates information representing a presence or absence of a user at the user terminal device based on the input information;

a transmission unit that transmits the generated information representing the presence or absence of the user at the user terminal device to the server device; and

a receiving unit that receives status information of the user's action ~~user~~ which is changed in accordance with both the transmitted information and the schedule information managed by the server device.

8. (Currently Amended) A server device that is capable of communicating with user terminal devices, comprising:

a recognition unit that recognizes a presence or absence of ~~users~~ a user at one of the user terminal devices;

a search unit that searches schedule information of registered users;

a generation unit that generates change information of status information of the user's action, in accordance with both the presence or absence of the user and the searched schedule information; and

an update unit that ~~automatically~~ updates the status information of the user's action ~~users~~ on the basis of the generated change information.

9. (Currently Amended) A control method for controlling a user terminal device that is capable of communicating with a server device for managing schedules of users who operate user terminal devices, comprising:

a connection step of connecting to at least a manipulation input device or an imaging device;

an input step of inputting information from the connected manipulation ~~unit~~ input device or the imaging device;

a generation step of generating information representing a presence or absence of a user at the user terminal device based on the input information;

a transmission step of transmitting the generated information representing the presence or absence of the user at the user terminal device to the server device; and

a receiving step of receiving status information of the user's action ~~user~~ which is changed in accordance with both the transmitted information and schedule information managed by the server device.

10. (Currently Amended) A control method for controlling a server device that is capable of communicating with user terminal devices, comprising:

a recognition step of recognizing a presence or absence of ~~users~~ a user at one of the user terminal devices;

a search step of searching schedule information of registered users;

a generation step of generating change information of status information of the user's action, in accordance with both the presence or absence of the ~~users~~ user and the searched schedule information; and

an update step of ~~automatically~~ updating status information of the user's action ~~users~~ on the basis of the generated change information.

11. (Currently Amended) A storage medium storing a program for controlling a user terminal device that is capable of communicating with a server device managing schedules of users who operate user terminal devices, the program comprising:

a connection step of connecting to at least a manipulation input device or an imaging device;

an input step of inputting information from the connected manipulation ~~unit~~ input device or imaging device;

a generation step of generating information representing a presence or absence of a user at the user terminal device based on the input information;

a transmission step of transmitting the generated information representing the presence or absence of the user at the user terminal device to the server device; and

a receiving step of receiving status information of the user's action ~~user~~ which is changed in accordance with both the transmitted information and the schedule information managed by the server device.

12. (Currently Amended) A storage medium storing a program for controlling a server device that is capable of communicating with user terminal devices, the program comprising:

a recognition step of recognizing a presence or absence of ~~the users~~ a user at one of the user terminal devices;

a search step of searching schedule information of registered users;

a generation step of generating change information of status information of the user's action in accordance with both the presence or absence of the ~~users~~ user and the searched schedule information; and

an update step of ~~automatically~~ updating status information of the user's action ~~users~~ on the basis of the generated change information.

13. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 1, further comprising:

a transmission unit that transmits the updated status information ~~of the users~~ to the said one of the user terminal devices.

14. (Currently Amended) A system according to ~~claim~~ claim 1, wherein said recognition unit recognizes the presence or absence of the ~~users~~ user based on a status of input from an input device connected to said one of the user terminal devices or an image taken by an image device connected to said one of the user terminal devices.